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Superintendent Michael H. Murray, First Flight Society President Alvah H. Ward and Maj. Gen. Courter converse before Wright Brothers memorial ceremony



Maj.Gen. Courter and Raleigh-Wake Color Guard cadets



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Congratulations to C/Col Olivia Barrow of the Apex Cadet Squadron for being selected as the NATIONAL Cadet of the Year. The award will be presented at the National Board next month.

We are all very proud of you.

Lt Col Pam Landreth-Strug

SPECIAL NOTE: A significant event occurred at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on August 19th. The First Flight Society installed a new pylon, pillar number 10 of the Monument to the Century of Flight was dedicated to the members of Civil Air Patrol and their constant and valuable service to our country and aviation. Maj. Gen. Amy Courter, National CAP commander and former commander, Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless were on hand as well as NC Wing Commander Col. Roy Douglass and numerous dignitaries. The NC Wing provided public affairs officers for the event. Lt. Col. Don Beckett, Maj. Mary Anne Fleagle and Maj. Linda Eldredge covered all of the dedication activities and, at the request of National Headquarters, they submitted a jointly crafted media release and numerous photos. As of this writing, permission to reprint that article has not been received by Carolina WingSpan.

Many thanks to our PAOs for completing a really tough, demanding assignment.

Capt. Don Penven, Editor, Carolina WingSpan

IACE Program a Big Hit in NC

By: Lt. Col. Lucy Davis

On Friday July 23rd five guests representing the International Air Cadet Exchange Program (IACE), arrived at Raleigh Durham airport for a ten day visit to North Carolina. NC Wing Civil Air Patrol was host to three Australians, David Kitchen, escort, Thomas Olden and Jason Digman and two Canadians Diana Hanson and Heather Ho. Capt Terri Zobel and Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron members were present to welcome them at the RDU General Aviation Terminal.

Our first stop was downtown Raleigh with a tour of the History Museum and then a visit to the NC Department of Crime Control & Public Safety where Secretary Young welcomed the cadets to North Carolina and presented each of them with a NC Flag lapel pin. Friday evening the group attended a cookout hosted by Maj Tim Tessin and the Raleigh Wake Composite Squadron. Host families for the night were; Maj Tim Tessin, Capt Laura Johnson and 1st Lt Allen Johnson; Maj Craig Winkelmann, and Robin Schiffmiller.

Saturday the group traveled to the North Carolina Zoo for the day joined by members of the Burlington Composite Squadron. The evening meal was hosted by the Burlington Composite Squadron. Host families for the next two days were; the Baughman family, The North family, the Bailey family and the Pendergraph family.

Sunday's events were shopping at Southpoint Mall and a Durham Bulls baseball game.

Monday the group traveled to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. Cadet enjoyed a tour of the C-130 Squadron and time in the C-130 simulator and shopping at the MCAS Exchange. The Cunningham Field Composite Squadron members hosted an evening cookout. Host families for the evening were the Fleagle family, the Morton family and the Luksza family.

Our next stop was Wilmington and dinner with the Cape Fear Composite Squadron hosted by Lt Col Jerry West and 1st Lt Norm Melton. Cadets enjoyed their first taste of Frogmore Stew and ribs. Other activities during our stay in Wilmington included touring the USS North Carolina, Fort Fisher Aquarium and time at the beach.

Seymour Johnson AFB was our next stop. The group toured the KC-135 Tanker and the F-15E Strike Eagle and then lunch at the Officer's Club. Many thanks go to 2d Lt. George Wolfe and Tim Edwards for arranging an additional tour of the control tower and RAPCON. The group then moved on to Fayetteville for a cookout with the Fayetteville Composite Squadron members hosted by Capt Andrew Nichols. Capt Nichols also hosted the four international cadets for the night. Friday we met Lt Col Dave Siemiet and Fayetteville Composite Squadron \cadets and seniors at the 82nd Airborne Division Museum for the morning, had lunch at the Fort Bragg Mini Mall and then a stop by the Vertical Wind tunnel facility. The day was topped off by getting to watch a parachute jump. Awesome event!

Onward to Charlotte where the International Cadets enjoyed Carowinds Amusement Park, shopping at Concord Mills Mall and two nights at the Great Wolf Lodge. Our International friends departed RDU on Monday bound for Washington, DC.

It was a vey exciting week to say the least. IACE cadets had a chance to enjoy lots of "first time" experiences including North Carolina hospitality.

Your North Carolina IACE team would like to thank everyone who helped make this a very memorable week for our international guests. The IACE event would not have been possible without you. Lt Col Lucy Davis, Maj Andrew Wiggs, 1st Lt Kathy Gaddy and Cadet/2d Lt Noah Hoffer, photographer and facebook administrator.

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IACE Photos



1st Row Canadian Cadet Heather Ho and Diana Hanson, Justin Gaddy. 2nd Row - Australia Escord David Kitchen, Australian Cadets Jason Dignam, Thomas Olden, CC&PS Secretay Reuben Young



Canadian Cadet Heather Ho and Capt Chuck Dawson, Burlington Composite Squadron, preparing for an orientation flight.



Australian Cadets Jason Dignam and Thomas Olden cockpit of a KC135



Beach in Wilmington - Jason Dignam, Tom Olden, Heather Ho and Diana Hanson



Photo coverage throughout the week was provided by: Lt. Col. Lucy Davis, 1st Lt. Kathy Gaddy and Cadet 2nd Lt. Noah Hoffer

Great Wolf Lodge - Front Jason Dignam
Back - Thomas Olden, Diana Hanson. Heather Ho, David Kitchen

Raleigh-Wake Cadets at Kitty Hawk Dedication

By C/Maj Kyle Zobel
Cadet Commander MER-NC-048

8/27/2010–Raleigh, NC– On the drizzly morning of August 19, 2010, the Raleigh Wake Composite Squadron color guard led the way into a new era for the Civil Air Patrol.

Since its founding in 1941, the members of the Civil Air Patrol have worked hard to provide valuable service to the US Air Force, as well as the community through its three main goals: Emergency Services, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs. Many leaders in the program call the CAP, “The nation’s best kept secret.” From now forward, the secret is out.

On this day, thanks to the contributions of the Hilton Garden Inn, the First Flight Society, and many individual donors, pillar number 10 of the monument to the century of flight was dedicated to the members of the CAP and their constant and valuable service to our country and aviation.

The national commander, Maj. Gen. Amy Courter, prior national commander, Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless, the president of the First Flight Society, and a host of CAP members and local officials were in attendance to witness this momentous event. It is the first and certainly most lasting of all monuments dedicated to CAP and it is a fitting tribute to the members and their service.

As was best said by Maj. Gen. Courter, “The members of CAP have often been referred to as our nation’s unsung



Maj. Gen. Amy Courter and Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless with NC Wing Cadets

NC Wing Cadets Take Florida by Storm

Terri Zobel, Capt, CAP
Deputy Commander for Cadets
Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron

On July 23rd, four cadets from Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron left Raleigh to head to Florida for FL Wing Encampment and AFCEA(Air Force Civil Engineering Academy). On Saturday, July 31st, they started their return journey home tired, hungry and triumphant.

Encampment started on July 25th at Camp Blanding with a rigorous in-processing and many nervous hugs. On Saturday, when the escort parents returned, they were met with stoic faces and an impressive pass and review. 173 basics, doolies as they are known in Florida, showed how much work could be accomplished in a week. The cadets reported good living conditions, hard training and new friends. They worked through obstacle courses, team leadership courses, drill and a host of classes.

C/A1C Patrick Ruff had received the award “Doolie of the Day” on Thursday and then was named “Doolie of Encampment”, the highest award given to any single cadet, a very impressive feat for an out-of-state cadet. C/TSgt Matthew Lowery was awarded a top academic achievement award and C/TSgt Katie Zobel had been nominated for “Doolie of Encampment”.

While encampment was going on, the Cadet Commander from Raleigh-Wake, C/Major Kyle Zobel attended AFCEA on the other side of the state at Tyndall AFB. He was named Flight Commander for Sierra Flight and had an outstanding time driving such heavy machinery as military armored vehicles to front loaders and dump trucks. The cadets worked with the 823rd Red Horse Regiment at the Silver Flag Training facility destroying and rebuilding. C/Maj Zobel received an award in recognition of his excellent performance as commander of a simulated military convoy. He was in charge of driving a real EOD heavily armored vehicle.

The only hardship endured on the trip was coordinating schedules and driving 2500 miles to ensure that the cadets arrived and were picked up on time. The NC cadets represented our Wing and squadron well and have been invited to attend future encampments and NCSA activities. FL Wing welcomed our cadets and were very generous in their hosting and support. Keep a weather eye out FL, NC may be back!



Cadets in photo 166 from left to right: C/TSgt Matthew Lowery, C/A1C Patrick Ruff, C/TSgt Katie Zobel, C/Maj Kyle Zobel

Photos by: Capt. Terri Zobel



Col. John Knowles, Maryland Wing Commander and C/Maj. Kyle P. Zobel

Better late than never. NC Wing Cadets see Atlantis Space Shuttle Launch.

By: Capt. Terri L. Zobel
Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron,

In early May, Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron was presented with a unique opportunity by their Aerospace Officer, Capt. Alan Sowell. The cadets in our aerospace specialty track were invited to watch one of the last three NASA shuttle launches from the Banana Creek Observation Point on Kennedy Space Center. Eight cadets and three senior members left on May 13th and drove to Palm Coast, FL. On Friday the 14th, STS 132 (Space Transportation System 132) readied for countdown. The observation location had the countdown clock so as Atlantis took off, they were there to observe it firsthand.

As the group was returned back to the hotel in shuttle buses and took some time to play catch up on water intake, Major General Frederick Roggero, the US Air Force Chief of Safety and Commander of the Air Force Safety Center noticed the cadets in their blues. He was at the launch to evaluate the safety parameters. It was quite an honor for senior members and cadets alike to have a chance to meet him and take pictures.

The next day, the group toured Kennedy Space Center courtesy of their hospitality department. The cadets had their fill of spacecraft as they rode the shuttle simulator, watched Hubble 3D on the IMAX and visited the rocket garden.

The following day they toured Fort Pulaski National Monument and went to Flight Safety International. The fort was the site of one of the battles of the Civil war and was physically unremarkable except for the cannon damage. The final event was a real treat for cadets and senior members alike. The afternoon was spent at the Flight Safety International Gulfstream Savannah Training Center. The Director of Training walked the cadets through three different phases of the pilot training process on a Gulfstream G450.

First, the cadets and seniors had the opportunity to do interactive classroom with computer monitors. Then they moved to a procedures trainer which looked more like the real cockpit and had rudder pedals and more realistic controls. Finally each cadet and senior member had an opportunity to fly in a full motion simulator for approximately 20 minutes each. For a real pilot in training, the cost is roughly \$6000.00 an hour. For this group, it was an amazing once in a lifetime opportunity.

The group came away from the weekend with a sense of camaraderie and the feeling that comes with sharing a momentous event like the final launch of the shuttle Atlantis that will stay with them forever.



Cadets from left to right are: C/Maj Kyle Zobel, C/SAmn Toby Tapley, C/TSgt Katie Zobel, C/MSgt Sam Frender,

Raleigh-Wake: Anytime, Anywhere

By: Capt. Terri Zobel

MER-NC-048 Deputy Commander for Cadets

August has been an extremely busy month for the Raleigh-Wake cadets and senior members. The unit has been busy fulfilling duties including community service, color guard and ES training.

On August 3rd in conjunction with the Rolesville Police Department, 30 cadets and 5 senior members volunteered at the National Night Out event in Rolesville. Cadets helped set up, recruit, watch kids on the bouncy equipment and clean up after the event. It appears that this will become an annual community service event for our cadets.

On August 12th, the color guard comprised of C/TSgt Michael Sowell, C/SMSGT Peter Soares, C/Amn Daniel Johnson and C/SSGt Tyler Emerson were invited to post the colors at a grand re-opening of Golden Corral on Glenwood Ave. Raleigh-Wake cadets have worked with them for several years posting colors for the annual free dinner for service men and women past and serving on Veteran's day. The cadets did a fine job posting and were invited to stay and dine at the all new facility. The restaurant had been completely revamped and is a new flagship store for the chain. The cadets had an opportunity to meet and speak with Senator Richard Burr.

On August 19th, the Raleigh-Wake color guard comprised of C/SMSGT Michael Sowell, C/TSgt Katie Zobel, C/SMSGT Peter Soares and C/TSgt Matthew Lowery were asked to post the colors in Kitty Hawk at the dedication of a pylon in honor of Civil Air Patrol. The event was attended by Major General Amy Courter and Major General Dwight Wheless. In a moving ceremony, Civil Air Patrol's contributions to aviation were recognized and honored.

On August 20th, 11 cadets and 4 senior members headed for the mountains outside of Boone to do an ES training weekend. Lt. Col. Al Therrault and 1Lt Ben Schreurs led the cadets in survival and in ground team mission skills. 2Lt Susan Lowery and Capt. Terri Zobel provided mission base support. Everyone left tired, muddy and proud of what they had learned. Two cadets from the Boone Composite Squadron joined us and got signed off on some needed items.

With the motto being "Anytime, Anywhere", expect to see the Raleigh-Wake cadets and seniors busy again next month. There are already four events on the calendar including Wing Conference, a troop walk and an air show. Hope to see you there!



0092: ES Training Weekend Cadets left to right: Wyndam Taylor (Boone), Katie Zobel, Toby Tapley, Eric Pantlin, Tyler Emerson, Matt Lowery, Loren Fitzpatrick (Boone), Michael Sowell, Isaac Woolsey,



Golden Corral Left to right: Peter Soares, Michael Sowell, Sen. Richard Burr, Daniel Johnson, Tyler Emerson

NC Wing Civil Air Patrol Members Manage Gulf Oil Spill Activities

Raleigh NC / Mobile AL

It has been nearly five months since the Deep Water Horizon oil drilling platform exploded in the Gulf of Mexico. Civil Air Patrol volunteers responded almost immediately and are still on the job. According to sources at CAP National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB, CAP became involved with the Gulf mission on May 10, 2010. To date, as of August 20, CAP aircraft have flown 2200 hours, completed 800+ sorties.

A four-man management team from the North Carolina Wing, and two NCWG Aircraft, arrived at the command center in Mobile, AL on August 21. The team consists of Lt. Col. Jeff Willis, Incident Commander, Maj. Dion Viventi, Air Operations Branch Director, Capt John May, Operations Section Chief, and Capt Shawn McComas, Mission Staff Assistant. The Incident Command Post is staffed by the NC team. Management teams and aircrews are transitioned into the mission on a weekly basis, Willis said.

Willis said, “CAP’s mission is to photograph the shoreline in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida and provide the imagery to Geographic Information System (GIS) personnel at the Mobile Incident Command Center, to facilitate monitoring of the movement of the oil spill as well as the boom removal process. CAP aircrews from across the nation have responded to support the event. Shoreline photographs are provided and processed daily. They are geo-tagged with latitude and longitude coordinates and heading information and then given to the onsite GIS group for processing. Aircrews are taking approximately 300 pictures per flight. At the missions’ peak aircrews were taking up to 3000 geo-coded photos per day,” Willis said.

The NCWG Mission Management Team has spent much of this week streamlining many of the processes in place at the Mobile ICP. The team implemented the NC Wing’s Web Mission Information Reporting System (WMIRS) for personnel and resource tracking, which simplifies the record-keeping for personnel, aircraft and vehicles. WMIRS is also being used for communication tracking, which automatically tracks radio contacts with aircraft to ensure none are overdue and provides real-time monitoring of the missions progress by the Command Post.

Though CAP flights are continuing to locate oil product and displaced oil booms the volume of flight activities is diminishing and it is anticipated that the command post will continue to scale back operations over the days and weeks to come. Civil Air Patrol is the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force and has been performing missions for America since 1941.



Incident Command Staff Departing Raleigh-Durham International: Left to Right: Capt. Shawn McComas, Maj Dion Viventi, Capt John May, Lt Col Jeff Willis



Incident Command Staff (left to right): Capt Shawn McComas (MSA), Capt John May (OSC), Col Jim Rushing (SER Commander), Lt Col Jeff Willis (IC), Maj Dion Viventi (AOBD)

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Say Again, Please

Several years ago, I was flying my father-in-law back to Portland, Maine. He had been in Connecticut performing a wedding. We got an early start, and at about 7 a.m., we were over-flying the Worster, MA Class Delta.

After making contact with the tower, I commented that it was very quiet on their frequency.

The controller responded that everybody must be asleep or in church.

Carolina WingTips

NC-048 Member hits Milestone of 150 Cadet O-rides Given

Maj Winkelmann reached a milestone of his CAP career on Saturday when he flew Cadets Mathew Martin and his sister Sierra Martin for their o-rides on Saturday, 21 August as Cadet Sierra Martin was his 150th cadet o-flight given.

“I really enjoy flying cadet o-rides,” states Maj Winkelmann. “It is one way I can share the joy I find in aviation with younger people.” Maj Winkelmann does not fly many Young Eagle flights despite being an EAA member and airplane owner. “The Young Eagle flights, in my opinion, are just too short to make a real difference. The CAP o-ride program is simply the best thing out there to expose young people to aviation short of having a family member who owns an airplane.”



C/A1C Sierra Martin, Maj Craig Winkelmann, C/Amn Mathew Martin,

Maj Winkelmann got involved in the o-ride program after he became active in CAP when living in Florida. He flew most of the 150 flights while in Florida and was twice named O-ride Pilot of the Year by the Lantana Cadet Squadron. He moved to North Carolina two years ago and has concentrated his efforts in NC on the AFROTC orientation ride

Hickory Cadet Completes Third Powered Flight

Cadet SM/Sgt Keegan Pearson of Hickory Squadron is all smiles as he takes the controls of a Cessna 172 on an Orientation Flight. It was his third powered flight (#8) of the ORide syllabus. SM/Sgt Pearson attended encampment at Butner this year and hopes to test for his Billy Mitchell Award before the end of 2010.

Lt. Col. Jim Carr



Promotions for Cadets at Burlington Unit

C/MSgt Hannah Andrews
Cadet Assistant Public Affairs
Burlington Composite Squadron

Burlington, NC (8-17-10) - The Burlington Composite Squadron had four cadets promoted in grade on August 17, 2010. Cadets promoted were C/A1C Kaitlyn Porterfield, C/SrA Rachael Bailey, C/MSgt Hannah Andrews, and C/CMSgt Adam Riddell. Promoting is a way for cadets to gain leadership and to exhibit that they are maintaining their Cadet Oath to "advance their education and training" in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. In order to advance their grade, Cadets must complete various tasks and actively participate within the organization.



Boone Cadet Experiences First "O" Ride



Cadet SSgt Meagan Laws of Boone Squadron received not just her first O Ride on August 7th, but her first flight ever.

"I was surprised at how well she was able to hold altitude and co-ordinate her turns," said Lt. Col. Jim Carr, Orientation Pilot. "She did say later she had flown Microsoft Flight Simulator before."

"She was apprehensive about flying at first," Said Carr, "But once she settled in, she did very well."

NC Wing Assigned Damage Assessment Missions Following Passage of Hurricane Earl

Article and Photos By: Capt. Don Penven. Mission PIO

Sept. 3, 2010

Butner, NC – At 10:00 a.m. Hurricane Earl was still making his presence known over North Carolina's Outer Banks. Aircrews and support staff anticipate beginning aerial surveillance of the affected areas around noon today.

The NC Wing was alerted by NC Emergency Management on Wednesday, Sept. 1, and asked to provide CAP personnel through the weekend to assist at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Butner, NC and at EOC HQs in downtown Raleigh.

According to Incident Commander Maj. Andy Wiggs, NC Wing Emergency Services Officer, the wing has two specific assignments:

1. A flyover request from the State Division of Coastal Management that includes visual damage assessment and photographic coverage from the Beaufort Inlet to Southern Shores.
2. The NC Electric Membership Coop (EMC) requested aerial coverage and damage assessment of power transmission infrastructure at The Cape Hatteras EMC power station, from Pea Island to Hatteras Village.

CAP personnel were assigned 12-hour shifts at the Butner facility, with three members per shift monitoring the hurricane passage and lining up resources once the storm is well out to sea. Those members billeted at Butner included: Lt. Col. Bill Hawk, Lt. Col. Eric Grant, Maj. Andy Wiggs, Maj. David Oldham, Capt. Chris Bailey, 1st Lt. Kathy Davis and 2nd Lt. John Brenenstuhl.

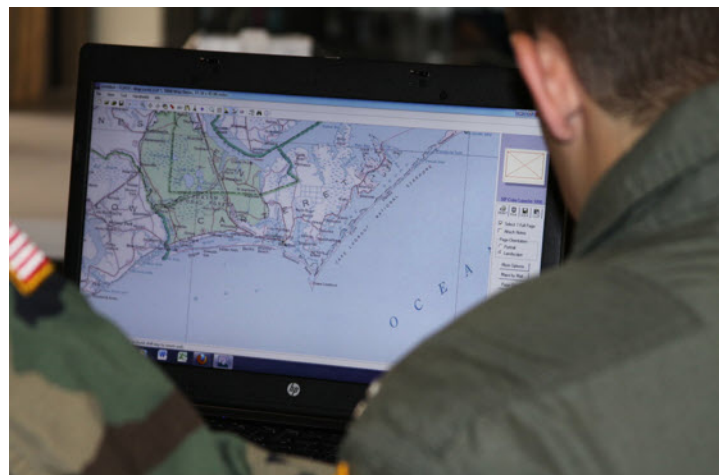
At the EOC in Raleigh, Lt. Col. Lucy Davis and Lt. Col. Dominic Strug served as CAP liaison to the state agencies involved with disaster relief.

Two aircrews are currently preparing to launch when weather and visibility improve. One aircraft based at Burlington Regional Airport will be manned by Capt. Chris Bailey, Maj. Andy Wiggs and Lt. John Brenenstuhl. A second aircraft will launch from RDU International Airport with Maj. Dion Viventi, Maj. Tim Tessin and 1st Lt. J. Owen Jackson.

Shortly after 11:00 a.m. Lt. Col. David Crawford, NC Wing Director of Operations advised all members to stand down. "Damage was far less than expected so the EOC is limiting operations and is closing the Butner facility. Both of our flight missions have been cancelled," Crawford said.



Tracking "Earl." L-R Capt. Chris Bailey, Maj. Andy Wiggs



Area of Interest—Cape Lookout and Beaufort Inlet.
Additional photos on Page 14 ...



L-R: Ricky Tuttle, Area Coordinator, NC EOC and Maj, David Oldham



Foreground: Capt. Chris Bailey. Rear L-R: 2nd Lt. John Brenenstuhel, Maj. Andy Wiggs

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NC Wing Member Receives the Bronze Star

CAP Maj. Craig Richardson, recently returned from Iraq, was awarded the Bronze Star. Richardson told Maj. Dave Oldham, Middle East Region, "We conducted our 3rd Infantry Division Awards Ceremony on 19 August 2010 at COB Speicher, Iraq, by my Division ...Commanding General, Maj. Geen. Cucolo and Division Command Sergeant Major, CSM Andrews in which they presented Bronze Stars for Service."

Editor's Note: Maj. Richardson is a Master Sergeant in The U.S. Army. The following is from the Army website, "*The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after 6 December 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; or while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.*"

